

## Railroad News of Interest

### DON'TS AND DO'S FOR BURLINGTON SHIPPERS

**Don't**—Fail to consult with agent before offering shipments for embargoed territory.

**Do**—Follow his suggestions, he will help you.

**Don't**—Insist on railroad agent accepting embargoed freight.

**Do**—Hold it, you will assist in lifting the embargo.

**Don't**—Overlook other shippers in your vicinity.

**Do**—Use your influence with them and you will help relieve the situation.

**Don't**—Load carload freight for embargoed territory as it only contributes to defeat car conservation and causes congestion.

**Do**—Ascertain from agent before placing order for car if the route you wish to use is open.

**Don't**—Load embargoed freight in "Trap" cars, agent cannot receipt for it.

**Do**—Have your shipping department keep in close touch with the embargo situation by consulting agents before loading into Trap cars or delivering to your drayman—it may save considerable expense.

**Don't**—Ship via indirect lines to avoid embargoed routes, as it has the effect of plugging up quickly the only avenue the railroads have for relieving congestion.

**Don't**—Fail to indicate on your shipping instructions to railroad agents the specific railroad delivery at destination when tendering shipments for Seaboard and the larger interior points.

**Do**—Request consignee to furnish you this information when they place their order for the goods. They can secure it through their railroad representative at destination.

**Don't**—Tender for shipment under special authority number to exceed the number of cars or shipments mentioned in the permit.

**Do**—Co-operate with us in this respect, and you will assist in the saving of equipment and lifting the embargoes.

**Don't**—Expect the railroad agent to give you immediate reply when making inquiry regarding embargoed territory, as there are several hundred embargo notices in effect which he must consult.

**Do**—Give him a little advance notice, and he will endeavor to be prompt. He may have to consult his embargo department and they in turn may find it necessary to take up with various eastern connections.

**Don't**—Think we want you to do it all. We are endeavoring to do our bit.

**Do**—Let us know if we have overlooked anything.

### The Railroads' War Board

Chicago, Hale Holden, president of the Burlington, who is a member of the Railroads' War Board, before returning to his duties in Washington after a short and busy session at his office here, expressed confidence that the measures which the railroads' war board has adopted to relieve the congestion of traffic in the eastern territory, will soon greatly improve the situation. Commenting upon the situation, Mr. Holden said:

"The instructions under which the 'operating committee' at Pittsburgh is working do not contemplate a pooling of earnings nor of traffic, but merely the common use of facilities, including equipment and engines to the fullest extent that will increase the capacity of the eastern lines to handle the enormous burden of traffic which has been thrown upon them. The railroads' war board has been pointing out to the government for some time the danger of congestion in that territory, resulting from the intense industrial and governmental activity there and the extravagant use by various agencies of the government of preference orders for the movement of traffic.

"No one has ever yet successfully put a quart into a pint measure, and this is a homely illustration of conditions in that territory. Gratifying response has recently come from the government and measures are now being rapidly developed to aid the railroads in relieving the eastern roads from danger of being congested so that, with the measures adopted by the railroads' war board, it is predicted that in the near future traffic will be moving in much better manner than heretofore.

"It will be remembered that in April the council of national defense by formal resolution, requested the railroads 'to so organize their business as to lead to the greatest expedition in the movement of freight.'

"The railroads immediately organized themselves to meet this call and five days after it was issued the railroads' war board was established

and took up its work in Washington, under power given to it by all of the roads of the country to, time to time, take whatever measures might be necessary to furnish to the government all of the transportation which the existing facilities could supply, and regardless of individual or competitive interests of the different companies.

"The first step taken by the railroads' war board was in pooling all of the box cars of the country and in fringing about the pooling of lake and tidewater coal. Other steps followed rapidly as conditions required, including the distribution of all of the material necessary for the construction of seventy-two cantonments and camps in various parts of the country and the movement of a million and a quarter troops and supplies, as well as the daily movement at the present time and 2,500 cars per day to the different camps to maintain the forces stationed at them.

"Coal and foodstuffs for our own people and our allies have moved currently during the summer, and it can be truthfully stated that the measures taken under the direction of the railroads' war board have adequately met the transportation requirements of the country to the present time. At the same time the industrial activity of the government has been increased rapidly and it was recognized that further measures would be necessary with the approach of cold weather and the increased movement of foodstuffs from the crop producing sections of the country. These are the measures which have recently been taken and which, with the aid of the government in better co-ordinating its own demands for transportation, will, without doubt, meet the present conditions.

"Before we pay any serious attention to suggestions for government operation of the railroads, 'continued Mr. Holden, 'we should stop to consider what the government could possibly gain by taking action of that kind. The railroads of the country in the past six months have already carried nearly 25 per cent more traffic than a year ago and with substantially no increase in facilities with which to move it. This, of itself, ought to be evidence of the high efficiency of the present methods. The recent action taken, however, throwing the facilities of the eastern lines into common use, is further evidence that the railroads of the country are fully alive to the situation and are prepared throughout the war to live up to their undertaking, which is that they propose at all times to furnish as much transportation as the plant can possibly produce under any form of management or control. This will certainly be more than the government could produce if it undertook to direct the operation of the roads itself, and the railroads are prepared to carry out any orders or suggestions which the government may give them which will increase the volume of transportation.

"As further evidence of the single purpose of the railroads to subordinate their individual and competitive activities, the action taken by the 'operating committee' in directing that the operation of the 'Broadway Limited' on the Pennsylvania be discontinued, the diversion for the present of a large volume of overhead through traffic from that and other lines and the pooling of the coal cars in that territory shows that the railroads' war board does not propose to withhold any action necessary to meet conditions as from time to time they mature.

"This action does not close other routes for either passenger or freight traffic, but for the present merely relieves those lines chiefly engaged in serving the coal, steel and other important industries from an excessive burden so that they may be able more efficiently to serve those highly necessary activities. Other routes are left open for through business both north and south of the territory referred to and, by the measures taken it is certain that a better movement of cars will be secured and a better car supply created in both the south and in the west."

### LOCOMOTIVE FIREMAN STOKES AND KNITS

Now that women are ambitious to become firemen on locomotives, the railway fireman has returned the compliment. He has begun to knit for the soldiers. Between shovels there is said to be nothing more restful—or perhaps stimulating—than to take a few stitches.

Jack Ryder, running on a Burlington road locomotive, is the first knitting fireman on record. Between runs, he sits in the engine cab serenely working on a sweater or pair of socks when the fire beneath him has been satisfyingly fed. And there

is no look of worry on his face except one of eagerness not to lose a stitch.

But Jack Ryder does not stop at knitting himself. He is teaching the art to others and it is expected soon to be common at terminals to see conductors and engineers busy between runs in the manufacture of knitted goods for soldiers. If your train is stopped at a block without any visible cause it will be safe to attribute the fact to a trowman too engrossed in knitting. — Chicago Daily News.

### Why They Boil Locomotives

Picking her way daintily through the grime of the locomotive works, a young woman visitor viewed the huge operations with a visible awe. Finally she turned to a young man from the office who was showing her through and pointing, asked, "What is that big thing over there?"

"That's a locomotive boiler," the young man replied.

She puckered her brows. "And what do they boil locomotives for?"

"To make the locomotive tender." And the young man from the office never batted an eyelash.

Mrs. Roy Thrasher has gone to Sidney for a visit.

Walter Malane has discontinued his employment with the "Q."

Stanley Klebeck has been granted a holiday to spend Christmas with relatives.

H. B. Bromley and wife are leaving for Kansas City for a Christmas celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin and their two sons will spend the holidays in Council Bluffs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nevitt will take a trip to Lincoln during the Christmas season.

New names added to the firemen's list are: Reid, Segal, Cahall, Harvey, Carpenter and Echtenheimer.

We heard that Jack Hocott had taken a leap and joined his lot with a woman. Later we saw Jack and he said there was nothing to it, as he couldn't support himself let alone a wife.

The operator at the station received a message from the north end of the division stating, "prepare for a blizzard." From all appearances the said storm is already here. The thermometer dropped more than forty degrees in less than an hour last evening.

Charley Leidhoff was accosted by a colored man in his office Thursday afternoon. The colored man spoke rather unbecomingly about his time. Charlie looks rather weak, but kind of surprised the colored man by ejecting him from his office. From this we advise every one to not judge his fellowman by size alone.

### CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, Jaunita Roy.

MR. AND MRS. CHAS. ROY,  
HATTIE ROY.

### SHERIDAN COUNTY ON WAR BASIS

Rushville Recorder:

Sheridan county is being rapidly organized on a war basis and what is needed of us is to put our shoulders to the wheel and do all in our power to help win the war and preserve all we hold dear for the future and the future of democracy. We want no kaisers and supermen bossing us around and if we do not want to see the United States become a nation of brutal military slaves, we will see to it that American ideals, instead of German ideals, shall prevail. Down with kaiserism and up with LIBERTY.

In 1913 Nebraska licensed 25,617 automobiles. So far in 1917 more than 140,000 have been licensed. October 21, 1913, the deposits in Nebraska state banks amounted to \$91,763,826.64. On August 10, 1917, the deposits in Nebraska state banks amounted to \$224,896,229.84. Deposits in state and national banks usually run about the same. On June 30, 1913, the assets of Nebraska building and loan associations amounted to \$32,746,000. On August 10, 1917, the assets of Nebraska building and loan associations amounted to \$54,545,000. The real value of Nebraska property in 1917 is \$450,000,000 more than it was in 1913. Anything to be thankful for this year, Mr. Nebraskan?

Bamboo Shoots Palatable Food. Bamboo shoots are considered edible in China, and it is said that when they are of good variety they form a vegetable dish that has no rival.

## Clipped From Our Exchanges

### BURGLARS MAKE RICH HAUL

Morrill County News:

Some time between Saturday night and Sunday morning the Kemper Dry Goods store was broken into and robbed, the thieves getting away with about \$1,000 worth of silks, furs, coats, etc.

Mr. Kemper informs us that some shoplifting has been going on lately and that he has been having some one sleeping in the store up to that time, but it seems that the culprits had been wise to that and were watching their chance and knew that there would be no one in the store that night, and proceeded to make a cleaning.

The glass in one of the windows at the back end of the store was cut out and the man reached in and unfastened the window letting himself in that way. The door between the back room and the main store was pried open with a pick that was already there.

When the goods were missed, authorities were notified and blood hounds were sent for from Gering. They were taken to the back end of the store and put on the trail there and followed it to the road one block east and then north to the road that leads toward the sugar factory, but at that point the trail stopped, the supposition was that the robbers had taken an automobile and made their getaway. The dogs were then taken in an auto to the southeast part of town to the Mexican settlement and started again, taking up the scent and followed it into a house, but there was nothing there, the dogs were again loaded up in an auto and taken to the home of Tony Gonzell, whom the officers had under suspicion for similar crimes and it was there that part of the goods were recovered that had been taken before.

The officers waited and when Tony came home about 11 p. m. they took him and brought him to town and placed him in the jail to await further developments. One other Mexican was arrested on suspicion and placed in jail. They were afterwards taken to Bridgeport for safe keeping.

Whether the goods will be found is a question but the officers are still working on the case and we feel that it will all be cleared up in time. Mr. Kemper says that although the

loss is heavy he still has a splendid line left and that he can fix you out with anything you need in the ladies furnishings.

### SMALLPOX AT BROADWATER

Morrill County News:

The little city of Broadwater is having quite a time with an epidemic of smallpox and the local physicians there as well as in Bridgeport have been kept very busy looking after those afflicted by the disease. It seems that the people in that growing town have been a little careless about notifying the authorities when the cases first break out and little or no attention was paid by some regarding the isolation of those who became ill with the disease. The necessary restrictions are being enforced, now however, and the doctors have the situation well in hand.

### BIG RALLY AT RUSHVILLE

Rushville Standard:

The rally which was held in Rushville last Saturday night was largely attended. A bon fire was built on the Chautauqua grounds east of the court house and over the fire was suspended a very good imitation of the kaiser. When the flames were at their best the kaiser was lowered and h's anatomy was consumed. A platform was erected for the speakers and the Rushville band furnished music.

### HOME GUARDS AT GERING

Gering Courier:

Company A of the Home Guards has been fully organized in Gering and its officers elected. This was done at the meeting held last Friday night, when Frank F. Dowling was elected captain, V. F. Adams first lieutenant and N. E. Olsen second lieutenant. Thirty-four members were enrolled Friday night, and at a second meeting held Tuesday evening nine more were sworn in. There are still many more ready to unite with the company. Under the plan of organization there will be two platoons, one which will include those who undertake the military drill and the other those who by reason of age, or physical condition do not care to do so. All will, however unite in the general upkeep of the company. For the business sessions, Judge DeLeMatter was elected chairman and C. O. Lyda secretary.

The age of members at this time is limited to those over twenty-one years, but a resolution will be voted upon at the next meeting to permit those over 18 to become members. Regular meetings are to be held every Tuesday evening. The general understanding as to the home guard organization is gradually becoming better understood, and it is anticipated that the company will readily reach its original tentative strength of more than a hundred, that many having been registered originally as desirous of becoming members.

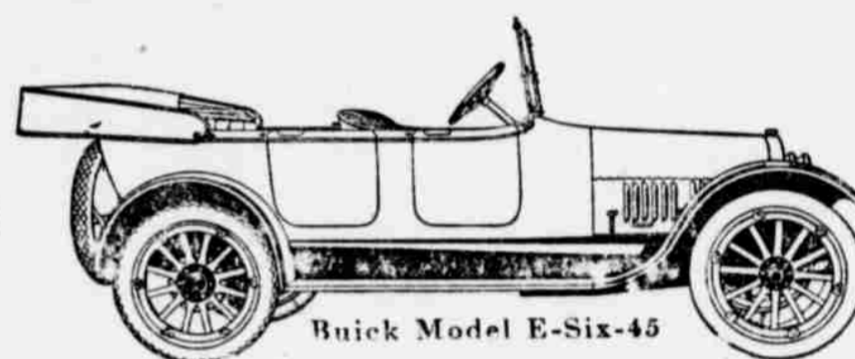
The three officers, captain and lieutenants, together with T. S. Rubottom and E. M. Parker, constitute an executive committee which is charged with the general business affairs of the company. They are now making arrangements for quarters to be used as an armory or drilling place and have a place in view. It cannot be obtained, however, prior to the meeting next Tuesday evening, which will therefore be held at the court house again.

### MUST ENFORCE PRESIDENT'S ORDER

Garden County News:

Sheriff Clark is in receipt of a communication, through the state council of defense, notifying him strictly to enforce the orders of President Wilson regarding carrying arms by aliens. The substance of the orders is that "no alien enemy shall have in his possession any firearm or any weapon of any sort of any part thereof, no use or operate any air craft of wireless appliance or any of the usual signaling appliances used in warfare." If you know of any person in the county who comes under the above classification and who are violating any of the above prohibited acts, you will serve America well by reporting such cases to Sheriff Clark.

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